

# AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAM AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA BIENNIAL REVIEW SUMMARY

Management Area: Inland Rogue

Meeting Date(s): September 24, 2013

**LAC Members Present:** Paul Kay (Chair), Robert Neidermeyer, Simon Hare, John Rachor, Larry Ford, Tom Dover, Bob Crouse, Greg Walch, Ron Meyer, Ron Hillers

## Implementation Summary (September 2011 – August 2013)

#### **Outreach and Education:**

- **Jackson SWCD:** series of workshops, tours and classes: 66
- <u>Josephine SWCD:</u> classes, displays, articles, brochures 26
- <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> three landowner outreach programs with many workshops, outreach materials, presentations

#### Technical Assistance:

- Jackson SWCD: contacted 2,768 people, on-site technical assistance 185 landowners/managers, conservation plans for 977 acres
- **Josephine SWCD:** technical assistance to 297 landowners, 48 site visits
- <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> responded to 27 requests for on-the-ground site visits and technical assistance

## Projects implemented to improve water quality on ag lands:

- **Jackson SWCD:** water quality conservation practices installed on 610 acres
- **Josephine SWCD:** water quality conservation practices installed by 9 landowners
- <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> water quality conservation practices installed by 4 landowners

## **Funding and Grants:**

#### **Jackson SWCD:**

- 5 applications submitted; not including the District's Landowner Assistance Program
- Landowner Assistance Program AgWQ funding: \$2,983
- ODA/OWEB support to LMA: 2011 2012 = \$50,000; 2012 2013 = \$50,000

### Josephine SWCD:

- Submitted 2 applications for funds to the OWEB Small Grant Program
- ODA/OWEB support to LMA: 2011 2012 = \$50,000; 2012 2013 = \$50,000

#### Illinois Valley SWCD:

- Submitted 15 applications for funds
- ODA/OWEB support to LMA: 2011 2012 = \$50,000; 2012 2013 = \$50,000

## Progress Measurement: 2013-2015 Focus Areas. Pre-assessments started.

- Jackson SWCD Little Butte Creek Watershed: Flood to sprinkler irrigation conversion
- Josephine SWCD Williams Creek Watershed: Riparian condition improvement
- Illinois Valley Middle Deer Creek Watershed: Riparian condition improvement

# Summary of Impediments: None noted

#### **Recommendations for Modifications:**

- The state (ODA) should carry out their responsibility to educate all agricultural landowners about the Agricultural Water Quality Management Program, Plans, and Rules
- Outreach should occur to municipalities to resolve problems with the Jackson & Josephine permitting process for work in riparian areas
- An LAC work group should meet with Jackson and Josephine county officials to discuss how county riparian
  ordinances impact and restrict riparian restoration work

**Enforcement:** Letter of Compliance - 3 Water Quality Advisory - 1 Letter of Warning - 3 Notice of Noncompliance - 0 Civil Penalty - 0 Alternative Measures - 2

Total Complaints: 9
Currently open cases: 1

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